The Ghost Garden

By Amelie Rives

In the Shadows of a Haunted Garden in Old Virginia a Man and a Maid Meet and Love. Between Them Comes the Hand of a Ghost-a Beautiful Woman, Dead a Hundred Years, but Who Still Moves and Lores To-Day.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

ing him, the dread of nameless things. A man finding himself in a commetery during an earthquake, might feel as Steven felt, the fear of death lessened by the fear of what the gaping earth might disclose.

And still they were held fast by their terrible dilemma, to which there seemed no solution, for after several attempts to induce Melany to leave Radford's side, she turned on them at leat with such an excitacy of defiance that Borridge declared any more active insistence might cost her reason.

It was at the hour of the sun's rising, that Melany called Radford by name in a wonderful, great voice that sent Steven to his feet as at the shock of an alarm bell. She was standing now, and had grasped both of Radford's hands in hers. Three times she called his name, and so imperious was the sound of that summoning voice that Steven stared breathless, feeling for one startled moment that the dead must answer; the next, he recollected himself and rushed forward. This must be the sign of the collapse for which Borridge had roughed for the reached the bedside in time, not as he expected to save Melany from falling, but to see Radford's eyelids quiver, then lift and from the death—"Like everything ... here." Then

ing resurrection (Steven could think of it as nothing less) were as paintiff in another way as had been the hours that preceded it; for now it was Radford's reason that seemed in danger, if not already gone beyond recall, left behind in that underworld of overworld from which his spirit had emerged to reclaim the body that researched had represented from the propounced form. The science had pronounced dead. The situation had changed with amazing suddenness, and the girl, now in full seven. passession of herself once more, found that the lover for whom she had wrestled with death seemed not to remember her, had indeed no memory speak with her alone. She led him of anything or person in his immediate surroundings. There was an anxious cloudiness in his eyes which still seemed focused on some supersenable experience so tromendous that it held for him a reality which life lacked. Such broken sentences as he uttered were strange as this look. Speak with her alone. She led him to her own room and, closing the door, turned to him, saying as if in answer to a question:

"I am going to tell you everything. That's what you want, isn't it?"

"Yes, I want that very much," replied Ellerson.

The girl sat down facing him, very

CHAPTER XI.

(Continued.)

R. BORREIDGE arrived shortly after sunset. He had no more influence with her than the others. It was only when her father, after vainly appearing to her, broke down in tears that she consented to withdraw for a few moments so that the doctor might make the necessary efforts to restore badford to consolusaness. This at least was the mericini way in which it was put to her. In reality thore had been no doubt in Borridge's minuteron the first glance at the witte race on the prince. Still, as he added in words when the others had loft the record, one must always make sure. His tests, however, proved his first impression to be correct. No blood answered the lancet, there was no domining of the mirror heid before the figs and neatries.

He had scarcely laid the cold wrist down again and closed his instrument case when Melany re-entered, quivering and defiant as if she guessed the verdict of their silence. But she said nothing, only went and knelt again beside the bed, taking up once more her low monotone of reassurance to the dead.

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pale, but with no other sign of emotion except the rigid way that she held her hands chasped together in her lap. Something in that white, controlled face and the dark eyes fixed on this led Ellerson to say;

"Tim going to remind you before you begin, Mrss Warrenger, that science no longer insulate at the kind of stirring you may have to tell me. They are not supply from the way that you understand them, we may call them by other names, attribute them to ather causes though very great men among us differ as to that; but we look on such things as essentially real, whatever the cause may be."

"Thank you. You are very kind to may that to me," answered Melany, and he noticed that her interlocked hands quivered. Then she told him, as she had promised, everything.

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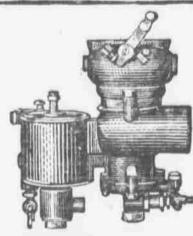
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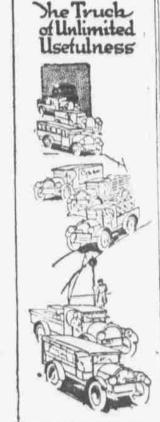
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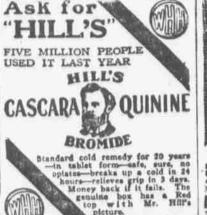


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